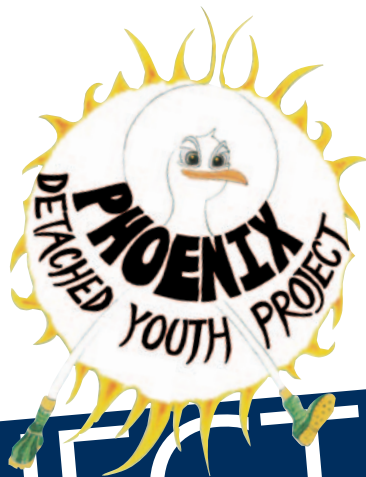


PHOENIX DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

MISSION STATEMENT

Working with young people to develop their ideas and supporting their life choices and education.

Initiated by
young people and
creatively delivered
for young people

Charity number 1106223

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



FOREWORD

This Report covers April 2023 to March 2024. It's 20 years since Phoenix Detached Youth Project began the work of engaging young people locally.

In February we celebrated our 20th birthday and enjoyed a wonderful evening at Chirton Social Club. We were joined by young people and our local community to celebrate together and highlight our achievements over 20 years

Another highlight of our year was bringing together and finalising our five year vision document for 2023 to 2028. The document outlines our aspirations and priorities for the next five years.

It has been a busy year for the project and our sincere thanks go to our amazing staff team, who continue creating new and innovative opportunities for young people, and continues responding to young people living in poverty due to the cost of living crisis. It is due to the contributions of our funders, partner agencies and supporters that PDYP continues to be recognised as a key provider of effective services to young people in the Borough, a huge thanks to you all.

Thanks also to our wonderful trustees who give their time, support, and commitment voluntarily and so generously. They bring a wide range of experience and expertise to their role of governance, and in developing and sustaining the project. Our thanks also go to the Mayor of North Tyneside, our local councillors, young ambassadors, and volunteers who continue to see the value of the work and contribute in so many ways.

During this year we said a fond farewell to our trustees Holly and Jess, and we thank them for their commitment and dedication to the project. Jess joined PDYP as a young person and later became a young ambassador and member of our board of trustees.

Young people are at the heart of PPDYP and they continue to shape the services we offer to ensure the project supports them throughout their transition into adulthood.

We look forward to working with you all in the year ahead and build on our work with young people and our local community to ensure PDYP continues to thrive. Here's to the next 20 years.

Anne Marron – Chair of the Board of Trustees: May 2024

20th ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS

PDYP works with young people secondary school age - 25yrs who live in Chirton, East Howdon, Meadow Well, Percy Main and Royal Quays.

These are the outcomes and achievements of Phoenix Detached Youth Project over the last 20 years.

- 1 We have successfully raised over 3 million pounds over the last 20 years to deliver the service to young people and the community of this area.
- 2 Most of the work delivered in the last 20 yrs has been delivered by 2.5 full time J.N.C. qualified Youth and Community workers. Showing the value of getting what you pay for in delivering a quality service to young people.
- 3 We have had 64,368 interactions with young people.
- 4 We have worked in-depth with 5,895 individual young people over 20 years.
- 5 The Helping Hands group was set up in 2005 in partnership to support young people (Borough wide) with their mental health and emotional wellbeing. This is a partnership between PDYP and North Tyneside Council Connexions and has resulted in us working with 829 young people in-depth to support the development of positive mental health and wellbeing.
- 6 We have supported 279 young people into work, 186 into training and 30 young people into university.
- 7 We have spent £380,000 on activities and residential experiences for young people.
- 8 We have delivered an intergenerational project for 19 years in partnership with Chirton Lodge, Anchor Housing.
- 9 Delivered Hopes and Fears project for young parents (mums and dads) and their children for 19yrs
- 10 We have raised £69,000 since 2014 to support young people in crisis, with food and fuel poverty, household items, digital poverty, etc. We are presently working in partnership with The Meadows for crisis support, they cover over 26 yr olds in crisis, and PDYP support the under 26 yr olds.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

This report covers the work of Phoenix Detached Youth Project, herein PDYP from April 2023 to March 2024

- 1 We have been in contact with 390 individual young people; this has resulted in 5,300 interactions over the year.
- 2 This year we have successfully supported 21 young people into work, 17 into training and 2 to university, (one young woman is doing a degree in Public Health as an apprentice with North Tyneside Council).
- 3 We have successfully been delivering the first year of a three-year grant from Public Health North Tyneside, to deliver a health and well-being service to young people.
- 4 We continue to work in partnership with Connexions North Tyneside to deliver our Helping Hands groups, which supports young people from across the Borough with their mental health and emotional well-being, 87 young people have been involved across the five groups.
- 5 We have been awarded a Three-year Partnership Community Fund grant, to work with The Meadows, for all the community.
- 6 Food and fuel poverty and the cost-of-living crisis has been a challenge this year and we have spent over £6,500 on crisis grants in the past year. We have given out 162 food parcels/crisis grants for gas, electric and key household items in the last year.
- 7 We continued to develop positive relationships with funders and local businesses, this makes a massive difference to the lives of the young people we serve.

Figures for the year

This year we have increased the number of young people we have worked with and the number of interactions we have had and this can be attributed to having Becca O'Keefe working 16 hrs a week for us.

For some young people PDYP is the only place they feel they can be themselves regarding identity, name, gender or pronouns and are addressed by staff to reflect this. However, most funders still require statistics regarding male and females so for this reason figures are shown in this way.

Total number of different individuals involved with PDYP 390 (162 Male) (228 Female)

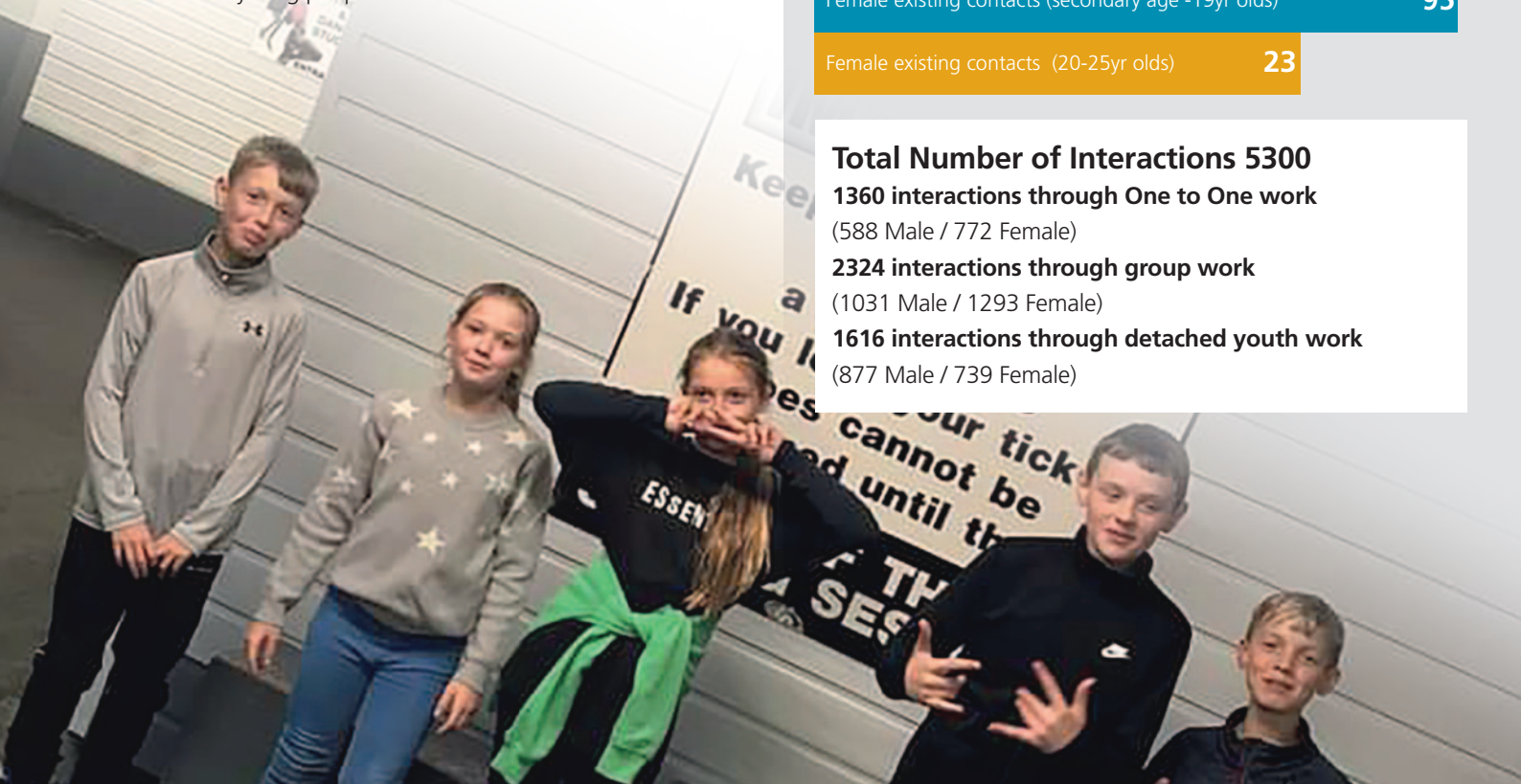
Male new contacts (secondary age to 19yr olds)	72
Male new contacts (20-25yr olds)	10
Male existing contacts (secondary age -19yr olds)	67
Male existing contacts (20-25yr olds)	13
Female new contacts (secondary age to 19yr olds)	106
Female new contacts (20-25yr olds)	4
Female existing contacts (secondary age -19yr olds)	95
Female existing contacts (20-25yr olds)	23

Total Number of Interactions 5300

1360 interactions through One to One work
(588 Male / 772 Female)

2324 interactions through group work
(1031 Male / 1293 Female)

1616 interactions through detached youth work
(877 Male / 739 Female)



DETACHED YOUTH WORK



“Detached Youth Work is a model of youth work practice targeted at vulnerable and excluded young people who mainstream youth work, and services may not reach”.

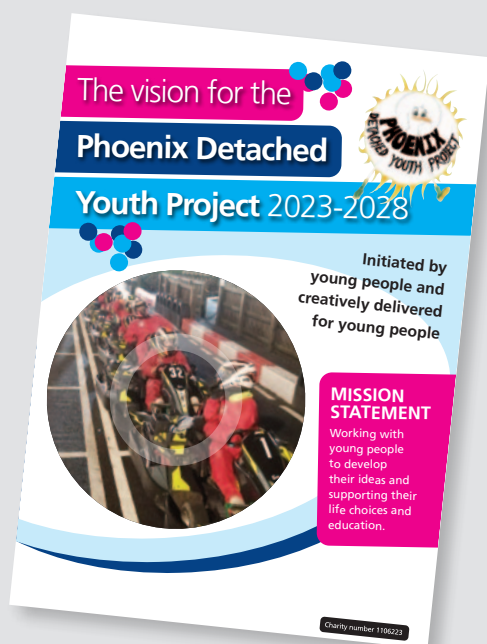
20 years later and this model is still at the forefront of the way we work. We continue to go out up to 5 nights a week, meeting young people in their spaces and on their terms. Detached work is never easy and can be challenging, however we continue to do it as it allows us to meet young people who might not know who we are or too nervous to step foot in our office. This puts young people in the position of power through choosing if they want us to spend time with them in their spaces. Alongside the street sessions we continue to deliver Detached Youth Work in Norham High School, catching up with groups, developing new ideas and generally having a chat with young people about things they want to talk about.



ONGOING CORE WORK

EMPLOYMENT

The North East continues to have one of the highest rates of unemployment in the country, and employment being one of the biggest issues facing young people. This has been raised as a key area of need by agencies, the community and young people so we will develop this further and has been included in our new 5 year vision document. The continued drive to raise educational standards by increasing the difficulty of exams, especially in English and Maths at functional skills level, is now resulting in young people who cannot achieve Maths and English at a basic level to struggle to gain employment or access apprenticeship/ training. We are presently working on how we can creatively support these young people, as young people are our future.



This year we have successfully supported 21 young people into work, 17 into training and 2 into university. We continue to gain excellent support from local business, and our partners which include North Tyneside Council Connexions and Employment and Skills (Learning Alliance).

GROUP WORK

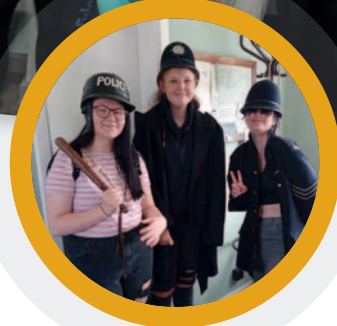
Two things that are entrenched within our group work approach are:

- 1 No young person should miss out on an activity due to cost.
- 2 Young people's ideas lead what we do.

We have continued to deliver a wide range of free activities this year with a diverse range of groups. Groups form through friends coming together, deciding on a group name and arranging activities based on their interests. Some of the groups we have worked with are The Princess Chickens, The Power Puff Girls, the Geordie boys, Newcy United, The Miracles, The Lions and Butterflies, and many more. Some of the activities that have been done this year include trampolining, visits to the fair, laser quaser, ice skating, bowling and roller skating. Alongside these more common activities, groups have also taken part in day trips to York to visit the Dungeons, Axe throwing (with everyone coming back in one piece) and bushcraft. We love being able to be part of the group work sessions with young people, getting to know them and building up trust for times where they may need additional support. Young people continue to benefit in a wide range of ways, including getting to spend time with their friends, trying new activities, getting healthier, and just being able to have fun and forget about the stresses of being a teenager for a bit.

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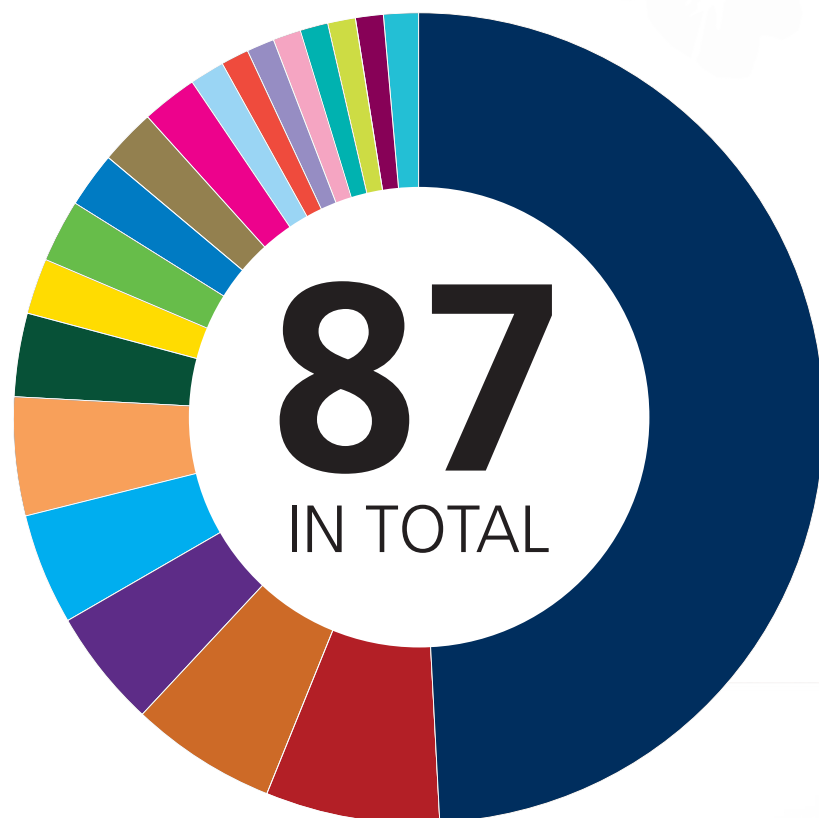
We value our long standing work with residents from Chirton Lodge, Anchor Trust. This year several young people have been involved with supporting residents with shopping trips to local supermarkets, bingo nights and meals out. It is a mutually beneficial relationship and there's always laughter. It is great to see people from different generations spending time together.





HELPING HANDS

This year there have been 87 young people involved across the 5 Helping Hands groups.



WHERE REFERRALS CAME FROM

43	CAMHS
6	Family Partner
5	Connexions
4	School nurse
4	Social Worker
4	GP
3	Specialist Mental Health nurse
2	Burnside School
2	Care and Connect
2	Norham High School
2	First Contact Clinical
2	Thomas More School
1	Bespoke Counselling
1	Epilepsy nurse
1	John Spence School
1	Kings Priory School
1	Mental Health Concerns
1	Monkseaton High School
1	Woodlawn School
1	Youth Focus

Helping Hands is a Borough wide provision and is delivered in partnership between ourselves and Connexions, North Tyneside. This work wouldn't be possible without Connexions, and we would like to thank staff from their team; Helen Heslop for her continued support over many years, also to James Carr and Christina Didsbury who have also covered sessions over the last year. A special thanks also to Ann Courtney who does sessional work for PDYP with the Helping Hands groups.

Helping Hands sessions focus on young people's mental health and emotional well-being for example; stress, anxiety and low mood and identifying coping strategies to deal with them. Over the school holidays we swap the evening sessions for activities which young people choose themselves. This year there have been a range of activities which see people outside of their comfort zones but doing so in a safe and supportive way. Activities have included a range of things e.g. Beamish, meals, trampoline parks, Wildlife parks. One of the groups went on a residential to Carlton Lodge where they took part in axe throwing and archery and also spent time in York visiting the Jorvik centre. In addition to the group sessions, we also offer additional One to One support.





HisSTORY

Set up as a way for isolated young men to get out, take part in activities and meet new people, this group has seen new members join as old members move on to other things. This year they have been extremely active, taking part in activities including trampolining, a visit to the fair, snow tubing and in the summer a trip to Flamingo Land. The space continues to be one of inclusivity, where new members are welcomed by existing members in an informal buddy/mentoring system. The group also offers the young men a space to talk about things going on in their lives, while having fun and a laugh with others, reducing social isolation.

LGBTQIA+

We continue to support young people regarding their sexuality on a One to One basis, and we regularly revisit whether there is a need for a specific LGBTQIA+ group at PDYP. Talking with young people they feel the current group systems work and like the sense of integration within wider groups. Young people are aware of alternative provisions if they would rather attend a specific group, but as young people are able to form their own groups based on friendship and interests at PDYP they feel their needs are being met at this moment in time.

MENTAL HEALTH

Whilst Helping Hands offers group support for young people regarding their mental health and emotional well-being we support a lot of other young people on a One to One basis. This can involve us; helping people identify the most appropriate provision and referring them, attending appointments etc. For the most part it is about giving young people our time and really listening to them, something a lot of young people feel they don't get elsewhere. It is also about 'checking in on people' and offering them continuity of support.

ONE TO ONE SUPPORT

One to One/Crisis Work continues to remain a significant part of the work we do. By working from 10am till 9pm, as well as during school holiday periods has provided individuals with the much-needed support and continuity they need, as well as providing support outside of the standard 9 to 5.

One to One work varies from young person to young person from housing, parenting, training and employment, good physical and mental wellbeing. If young people need specialist support, we signpost to the relevant support networks available to us such as North Tyneside Council, Talking Therapies, CAB and to the One-to-One Centre etc.

Sessions vary and involve getting to know the young person who needs additional support at a time that is convenient for them. On many occasions practical support is needed such as gas and electric top ups, food parcels, home appliances and furnishing, and baby items. We are fortunate that we are supported to do this through an array of sources such as: Alex and William DeWinton Trust, Elswick Lodge Trust, Tesco's, Poundland, Little Blossoms Nursery, Newcastle Falcons, Tynemouth Decorators Ltd. Grants and physical donations have enabled us to continue supporting young people with, gas, electricity, clothes, decorating, baby items, travel costs, and resources for further education on 162 occasions.

NE29 MUSIC

The past year we have been supporting 10 of our local musicians, some with practice sessions, music lessons, and our local band Short Back and Shields with recording two of their own songs now on Spotify. We would like to thank Chirton Social Club, and Bobby at TRAXXs studios for their support with the music projects, and JD Fund for funding the music.





RESIDENTIALS

Someone once said, "you can learn so many things on a residential, that you would never learn otherwise".

This is something we truly believe.

Residential offer different spaces and experiences where unique conversations happen, and this is why we strive to continue delivering residential experiences that are free for young people. This year we have ran 8 separate residential experiences, in places including Seahouses, The Lake District, Oban, and Thirsk. The first residential of the year was our Oban expedition, where we took a group of young people sea kayaking round the Inner Hebrides, pushing them out

of their comfort zones, learning about planning and budgeting through the limited resources we could carry in the kayaks and how this relates to everyday living. Residential 2, 3 and 4 saw the parents, the Princess chickens and a younger transition group visit Daleby House, Beadnell thanks to the generosity of Adventure Holidays. Whilst there, the different groups took part in experiences such as rock pooling, kayaking, paddle boarding, night walks and of course visiting the local fish shop for tea. These residential are a great way to develop ideas with young people and plan for future projects. Residential 5 saw a group of young women called The Miracles visit Carlton lodge. While there, they explored what friendship meant to them, while taking part in outdoor activities. Residential 6 and 7 were our annual visits to High Borrans outdoor education centre. The lads resi was focused around developing work skills and giving back to North Tyneside. This was achieved through a workday on the Saturday, completing important upkeep and grounds work for the centre, followed by a day of adventure. The girls resi was based around confidence and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones through adventure. On the Sunday they spent the morning building bird boxes to create a better space for the local wildlife. The final residential saw us take the older Helping Hands group to Carlton Lodge with a stop off in York, getting to spend time with each other and have new experiences. (For more info on Helping Hands, see relevant section) There are videos on our website documenting the High Borrans visits.

PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION SCHEME

We continue to work in partnership with local businesses and the Learning Alliance (North Tyneside Council) to deliver the scheme, with Carney Consultancy and North East Access training continuing to provide in kind training for the six trainees each gaining 6 construction qualifications worth £3,000.

From the current cohort two of the trainees have gained apprenticeships and employment as a painter and decorator, and a dry liner. We continue to support all of the trainees in gaining their CSCS cards and are supporting the remaining trainees to find placements in, brick laying, scaffolding, joinery and landscape gardening.

"The Phoenix Construction Scheme is a successful and collaborative approach between a range of partners from private, public and charity sectors. Its mission is to support young people to develop the skills and knowledge needed to secure positive outcomes and successful employment in the construction industry on completion of the course. The scheme has been running for a number of years and continues to support young people who are at risk of becoming NEET in increasing their life chances bringing positive outcomes for them, their families and the community. It has been a pleasure to watch the scheme go from strength to strength over the year".

Belinda Payne, Programme Manager,
Apprenticeships 16-19yrs provision,
North Tyneside Council (Learning Alliance)





SUMMER PROGRAMME

We pride ourselves on what we offer during our summer program, and this year was no different. Young people sometimes struggle with the lack of structure over the extended holiday and can find themselves with lower moods due to boredom. Over the 6-week summer holidays, we ran 50 activities, some things planned months in advance other things planned less than 12hrs before. Our summer included our 4-week construction team build, extended Helping Hands sessions so they could visit places including Northumberland Zoo, escape rooms etc, parents' trips to the beach and other spaces, visits to theme parks and many other activities that clock the miles up on our trusty minibus. As busy as the summer is for the staff team, we all agree we wouldn't have it any other way. We also benefitted from having Hannah, a Social Work Masters student on placement, to help keep up with the high demand.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

This year we have continued to develop our relationship with the local High Schools, this is a great way for us to engage with young people as well as deliver preventative education projects.

We continue to work in partnership with Norham High School, delivering detached sessions on a weekly basis. Alongside this we have supported the school delivering a 6-session project with Mrs Craigs class, looking at a range of topics that impact them, this culminated in a visit to a trampoline park as a reward for how well they had done.

Alongside this we have continued to support Norham through the delivery of sessions during their Health days and delivering our Risky Business Project.

As well as our work with Norham High School, this year we have started to build a stronger link with John Spence High School through delivering our Risky Business project. (see Risky Business section for more info).

SEXUAL HEALTH

We continue to offer the C Card scheme which offers condoms and access to Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea screening, and we promote the new home testing service to young people. We also promote the comprehensive services offered for young people at the One to One Centre in Shiremoor. Becky continues to co facilitate the 'Introduction to Sexual health' training with Lisa Hanson from the One to One Centre. This training is for professionals working with young people regarding their sexual health.

ToGetHer

This group brings young women together who want to take part in experiences but may not have other people to do so with or want to see it as an opportunity to meet new people. There has been an increase in numbers this year and sessions alternate between the PDYP office (as this gives people the opportunity to attend a session at a place they feel familiar with and for a length of time that suits them) and out and about. The group plan their own programme and over the last year have had a varied programme. 10 young women from the group took part in a residential to High Borran's (see residential section).



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



THE MEADOWS

This is a three-year funded partnership to link work with under 26yr olds and over 26yr olds on the estates. By working more closely together we are able to identify issues relevant to young people and the wider community. The partnership also promotes joint working to encourage greater cooperation across the community and develop long term solutions to community safety and community cohesion. We held a joint meeting for residents and other agencies to discuss community safety that was attend by 30 people. This was positively received, with agreements to hold regular meetings going forward. The partnership continues to develop well, with effective communication and joint working at all levels of our organisations. The staff from both agencies are working well together on the ground to deliver the partnership work. There are several strands to the work.

NE29 Street Play

The Meadows funds one Street Playworker and PDYP funds the two Trainee Street Play workers. We have developed positive relationships with 100 children 8yrs to 12yrs in the last 12 months via street play using sport, arts and crafts, and young person led play sessions.

"I absolutely love this because my child is not usually allowed to play out, so this means they aren't stuck in the house on the tablet".

Parent

"Us kids should be playing out and this gives us the opportunity it's a great idea"

8 year old girl

"I love all the stuff you bring and I like playing with it with my friends".

10 year old boy

"I wish you could come every day as I usually get the older boys being horrible to me so this means I can play out with you and feel safe".

8 year old boy

Noah's Memorial Bench Project

This project provides memorial benches to members of the local community. The benches are built by Kurt from The Meadows and is supported by 10 SEN local people per year taking part which enables them to gain skills building and producing the benches.

"When Noah was unwell my biggest fear was him being forgotten, it's nice to know the Noah's memorial bench project helps and gives other people comfort in the people they have lost".

Noah's Mother

Develop joint approaches to crisis work

This partnership helps residents in a flexible, responsive and solution focused way, PDYP supporting under 26yrs and The Meadows supporting the over 26yrs working with issues they face jointly around poverty.



DEVELOPMENTAL AREAS OF WORK



AMBASSADORS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS

We have young people who are ambassadors for PDYP and who are spokespeople for our work when it comes to meeting funders and attending events. We also have young people who get involved in specific social action projects. This year there have been two young person led pieces of work.

Mental Health film

We were invited by the Mindstars Charity to contribute to a film they are making regarding support people have received for their mental health. 7 young people from PDYP are involved in sharing their experiences in the hope that it can be beneficial to other young people and service providers. Staff are also being interviewed regarding their experience of working with young people to promote positive mental health.

"What's The Crack?"

This is a young person led project to develop an educational resource around crack cocaine. It tells a young man's journey of his cocaine use until he was able to quit the drug, through the eyes of an owl. We have done some preliminary work with Helix Arts, and we thank them for their support. The young person led group are now developing the idea further to create a fully animated film with an animator in the coming year, which will be aimed at 18yrs to 26yrs, supported by a local drugs worker.

RISKY BUSINESS

Young men have often been linked with certain risk taking behaviours. However, due to a rise in these behaviours having a negative impact on the estate, we designed and piloted the Risky Business Project. This has been piloted in both Norham High School and John Spence High school with small groups of young men. In these sessions we use informal education methods and young person led discussion to address a range of potentially risk-taking behaviours, including knife crime, drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, online safety and sexual health. Each set of sessions is adapted to the needs of the specific group based on the conversations that arise during the sessions. Youth work is uniquely placed to deal with these difficult topics due to where we sit straddling the boundaries between community and authority.



RECOGNISING OTHERS

REECE ALLEN AWARD 2024

This award is given in memory of Reece Allen who sadly lost his life in 2016. We had worked with Reece for 11 years and the PDYP and Reece's family wanted to create a legacy in his name. The award is in recognition of the contribution to the local community by a local young person.

The family have chosen T.J. (Thomas Ferguson) as this year's winner for the time and effort he puts into the community and its residents and the support he has given to others.

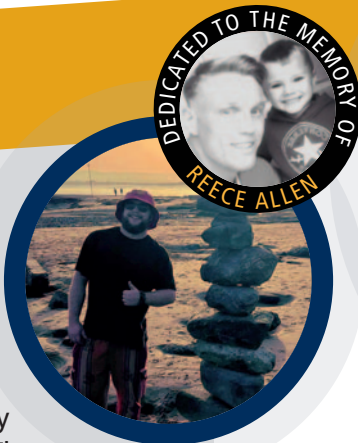
TJ has been involved with PDYP for the past 13 years and his commitment towards others is second to none. He presently works for The Meadow's as a Community Gardner and is often praised for the excellent way he works with all the community especially the clients with special educational needs. He has been involved with a wide range of social action projects and has been an ambassador for the PDYP for the past 6yrs and as part of this has promoted the project to business and funders explaining the real value of what PDYP does for young people.

He was involved in the 'My beautiful heart' project around organ donation, which won the NE Youth Focus awards for young people's health and wellbeing and the accompanying 'Pieces of mine' film and educational play promoting healthy organs to primary schools.

He is currently working on the 'What's the Crack' project (see section in this report).

TJ has also supported the development of music for young people and helped organised street jams. He has been an inspiration and role model for so many young people over the years.

TJ said "Thank you for the award, it's been great seeing the Phoenix grow and growing alongside the project! Watching all the projects I've worked on develop and be successful has been amazing and I look forward to seeing what happens in the future for myself and the PDYP".



Connexions
NORTH TYNESIDE

INVESTORS IN YOUNG PEOPLE AWARD – OUTSTANDING LOCAL PARTNER

This year's winner is North Tyneside Council's Connexions Service. This is the second time they have won the award, and they have been an invaluable partner helping us develop Helping Hands peer support for young people with mental health issues group back in 2005. Helping Hands now has 5 groups, and this year 87 young people were supported. Without their partnership and in-kind staffing cost this would not have been possible. We would like to thank John Gibson for supporting his team to work in partnership with us and especially Helen Heslop for her amazing dedication over many years, and more recently James Carr and Christina Didsbury.

"As a member of the Helping Hands staff team, I really value the positive and supportive relationship that I have with Becky, Luke & Ann and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. Helping Hands is an outstanding example of effective partnership working and is possible because of our close working & constant contact. Being able to sustain a good working partnership isn't always an easy task, but as partners, we consistently work in a collaborative way to ensure that young people are offered the relevant support & advice. Our combined experience of working with young people in a range of settings and with a variety of needs, allows us to react & respond to young people in a timely way; this is a particular strength of our partnership working. I feel that we work very effectively together to support young people to make positive changes in their lives, to make decisions about future careers, and to improve their mental health".
**Helen Heslop, Connexions Adviser,
Employment and Skills, North Tyneside Council**



INVESTORS IN YOUNG PEOPLE AWARD – LOCAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This year's winner North East Access Training has funded the PASMA (tower scaffolding qualification) in kind for the construction trainees for the past 10yrs investing £10,000 in kind funding which has allowed 60 young people gaining a valuable construction qualification from NE Access training. They have supported our Phoenix Construction Scheme for the last 10yrs and are a valuable business partner and we thank them greatly.

"It's impossible to Quantify Mike and the Teams relentless input into Phoenix Detached Youth Project that guides and improves so many lives."

**Terry Forster, Director,
North East Access Training**



FUNDERS AND BUSINESS

We continue to work hard to build effective relationships with funders, business, and North Tyneside Council, to deliver the best quality service to young people and the community we serve. Because of all your support and funding we are now celebrating our 20th anniversary this year, raising just over 3 million pounds to deliver the service over the last 20yrs. A massive thank you for making our work possible. This year we received 3 years partnership funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to work closely with The Meadows. This is making a big difference pooling resources for the benefit of the community. Local and national businesses continue to support us with flexible funding to support us with crisis grants which is vital during the cost of living crisis worth £6,500. We also thank White Knight Maintenance for their in-kind support to fit new cookers for young people. Thank you also to the Mayor and local authority officers for their in-kind support which benefits the community.

"We know PDYP has it's finger on the pulse of issues that matter to its young people in its local community and, during the year 2023/24, the Community Foundation awarded it nearly £19k in grants to support its vital work with young people, including its employability programme, its girls and young women's project, and its focus on helping refugees and asylum seekers to feel welcome in their new community".

Su Legg, Community Foundation

In June 2023 we sadly said goodbye to one of the hardest working members of our team after over 15yrs of loyal service, they moved on to pastures new, that's our minibus I'm talking about. But thanks to funding from the Clothmakers foundation, we were able to successfully purchase a new bus. The minibus is a vital part of our work, being used for activities, transporting young people to appointments and occasionally helping people move home and with the new bus are able to continue with that level of flexibility to young peoples needs.



WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT PHOENIX DYP

"For young adults who 'for whatever reason' would benefit from an experience like this...to help them find/learn an unknown skill or a sense of achievement or to bring them out of their shell/comfort zone or to learn what team work is or to experience something new, the list goes on, they need a place like The Phoenix detached youth project and they need the extended facilities to provide it for them. All of our communities would like to think that our young people come out of school firing on all cylinders ready to go, many understand that that isn't a reality for many. Unfortunately for many different reasons many are not, and they get lost. And I mean lost potential. They need this. We need this. If you have a similar project in your area, please do support it."

Marie, High Borran

"When I first started with the PDYP I was a very shy person and had no confidence. Over the years they have helped me grow into the person I am now. I wouldn't be here without them. Thank you all"

Young woman, 20 yrs

"I first found out about the PDYP through my sister. PDYP have been so supportive and helpful with assisting and improving my mental health. I had recently lost my great grandma whom I helped care for until her final few days. I was 13. Since then, the PDYP have helped me escape potentially fatal situations and more recently Becky and Luke have helped me with my journey into motherhood. I am eternally grateful for the assistance, patience and support they have provided"

Young woman, 23 yrs

"20 years has gone so quick. PDYP has made a massive contribution to youth work in the North East and to the area it works in. Becky, Luke and Mike make a great team and put the needs of young people first. I have enjoyed working with them over the years – bringing young people and other youth workers to meet them. We canoed and cycled across the North of Scotland as part of the 'water project'. I hope PDYP goes on and on for generations to come!"

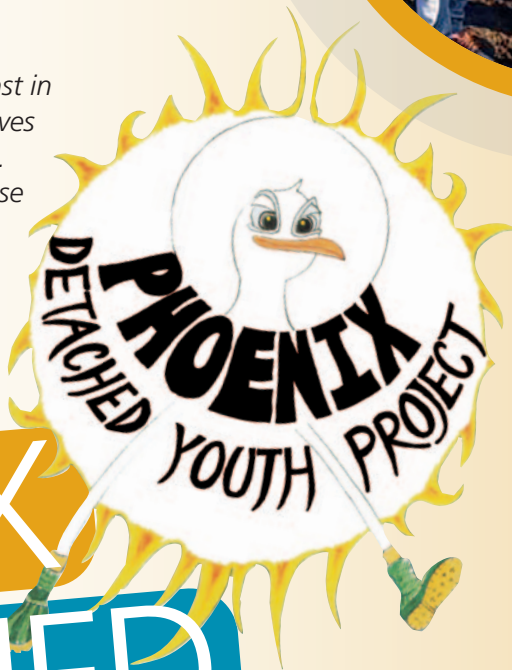
Sarah Warren, Patchwork Project





"As we look towards the future, we remain steadfast in our dedication to support local charities and initiatives that make a meaningful difference in people's lives. We extend our best wishes to the PDYP and all those involved in their admirable work. Together, we can continue to create a brighter, more inclusive community for all".

**Lee and the Team,
White Knight Maintenance**



PHOENIX DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

"This year PDYP celebrated the magnificent achievement of 20 years supporting young people in North Tyneside. PDYP has always been a safe space where young people can explore adolescence, managing the demands and challenges of growing up, while being treated as unique individuals.

As shown throughout this annual report PDYP helps young people develop new skills, broadens horizons and uncovers existing strengths, by listening to their hopes and aspirations. I believe the value of the PDYP approach is young people planning and delivering projects and activities themselves, that they want to engage with. These opportunities end up with many truly, lifechanging outcomes such as new friendships, improved mental health, gaining work experience, receiving university offers or getting permanent jobs.

I'd like to extend my appreciation to all the staff and volunteers who continue to create a sense of belonging and enrich the lives of all the young people they encounter. Thanks for all the fantastic work you do!"

Wendy Burke

Director of Public Health, North Tyneside Council

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